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Documents listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, were first cited in an International Search Report, dated July 31, 2003, issued in connection with counterpart PCT application No. PCT/US02/019958. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that International Search Report.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES are the following:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO - 1449 (1 page), in duplicate, with 5 References
3. Copy of International Search Report (4 pages);
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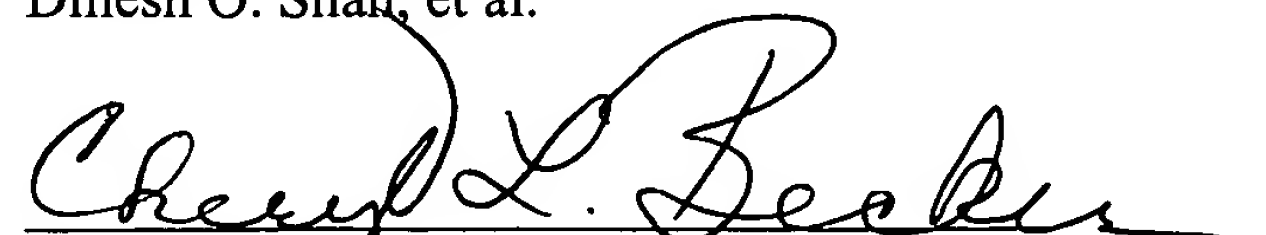
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